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At each annual session of the American Mining Congress the principal part of its work for the ensuing year is outlined by resolutions adopted by vote of the delegates. The performance of this work calls for the appointment of a number of standing committees, the members of which are all selected with the idea of securing those best qualified to serve.

These committees prosecute their work between sessions and render reports of their transactions or conclusions at the first ensuing annual session. As a means of facilitating their work the Monthly Bulletin is designed to serve as a medium for the presentation of ideas from the membership generally upon topics in which particular interest is felt. The columns of the Bulletin are open to the committees and the membership for the discussion of any subject relating to mining, and all communications from members should be sent to the Secretary of the Mining Congress, who will direct same to the proper committee in case they are not intended for publication.

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PROCEEDINGS WANTED

This office has made repeated efforts to secure copies of the Annual Proceedings of the first five sessions of the American Mining Congress, but without success. These reports cover the sessions in Denver in 1897, Salt Lake City in 1898, Milwaukee in 1900, Boise, Idaho, in 1901, and Butte in 1902.

Members who have copies of any of these reports, or who can advise where they may possibly be obtained, will confer a great favor by communicating with this office.

ADDRESSES WANTED

Mail directed to the following members has been returned unclaimed and we would be glad to receive information as to their present respective addresses. Other members will confer a favor by notifying us, in case the information is at hand.

We wish to acknowledge the courtesy of several members who have kindly given us information concerning members whose latest addresses we did not have.

NAME.	LAST ADDRESS GIVEN.
Alsdorf, F. C.	Sodaville, Nev.
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Remington, W. H.	228 Epler Blk., Seattle, Wash.
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THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION

The vital questions affecting Western mining interests, which are to be the principal subjects of discussion at the Los Angeles meeting, are arousing a great deal of interest among mining men of the West, and the importance of a proper discussion of this subject assures a very large attendance at the Los Angeles Convention, during the week beginning September 26th.

Whether the principle shall be established that the federal government may lease the natural resources of the West, placing thereon a continuing tax upon development, and whether the right shall be created in the federal government to condemn by the right of eminent domain such mining claims as, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, shall be more valuable for power purposes than for mining, has aroused a very decided interest and an apparent determination to resist, by every fair means, the enactment of laws, which, apparently, will place so great restrictions upon the continued development of the mining industry of the West.

On another page of this Bulletin will be found an abstract of one of the objectionable bills, to which we call particular attention, and urge upon mining men the importance of attending the Los Angeles Convention, in order that a course of action may be mapped out which will serve the best interests of the Public Lands states.

General Announcements.

The place of meeting is one of easy access from all mining regions, the prosperous center of the oil and metal mining industries of the great Southwest,—*Los Angeles, California.*

The time of the meeting is September 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, and October 1, 1910.

Low railroad fares will be in effect from all points, with privilege of returning via diverse routes, so that various sections of the western country may be visited in one general trip. For detailed information concerning fares and routes, consult your local railroad agent.

The program will be replete with important discussions upon topics vital to the general welfare of the mining industry.

Features of entertainment, so arranged as not to interfere with the regular business sessions, will add pleasant recollections to those who have participated in the proceedings of this important meeting.

Sierra Madre Club:

Local convention arrangements at Los Angeles are being carried forward by the Sierra Madre Club, the local branch of the American Mining Congress at Los Angeles. This is a very enthusiastic and energetic body, and not even the most minor detail will be disregarded in making ready for a convention which will provide every comfort and facility to the delegates for the transaction of their business. Mr. E. A. (Bob) Montgomery is President, and Mr. Sidney Norman Secretary, of the Sierra Madre Club, which has its quarters in the Columbia Trust Building.

Mr. H. C. Freeman is Secretary of the Convention Committee, with headquarters at 411 Columbia Trust Building.

Official Headquarters:

The Alexandria Hotel has been designated as the official headquarters for Officers, Directors and Committees, where the Secretary's office will be during the convention.

Delegates desiring to engage hotel accommodations in advance are requested to communicate with Mr. H. C. Freeman, 411 Columbia Trust Building, Los Angeles, stating explicitly what is desired, and arrangements will be made accordingly. There will, however, be no trouble about hotel accommodations, as they are ample for even much larger gatherings.

Program:

The Program Committee is hard at work arranging topics and speakers, and a complete outline of the program will be given in the September issue of the Monthly Bulletin.

RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE

The adoption of resolutions is perhaps the most important work of the annual assembly, since they determine the attitude of mining interests toward political and mining questions, and are a commitment of the American Mining Congress to a definite policy. Great care, therefore, should be exercised in their discussion and adoption. This demands that the delegates, as well as the Resolutions Committee, should have ample time for their consideration before acting upon them by vote.

Delegates contemplating introduction of resolutions before the convention should have them all prepared on the first day of the session, three identical copies if possible, and immediately hand them to the Secretary, who will post them for the information of the convention.

Resolutions may be introduced by any delegate, and all have the right to appear before the Resolutions Committee, or speak before the convention, in support of their resolutions.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Notice of Meeting Called for August 27, 1910.

By order of the Executive Committee a general meeting of the Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress is called for 8:00 *p. m.*, August 27th, at 1510 Court Place, Denver.

The object of the meeting is to obtain the opinions of the Colorado mining men relative to the conservation measures introduced at the last session of Congress and to discuss specifically the following points:

First—Whether some plan could not be devised whereby every prospector or miner operating an unpatented claim in the mineral

forest reserves can be assured of protection and his rights under the federal and state mining statutes.

Second—Whether mineral entries situated above timber line should be subject to inspection by the Forest Service.

Third—Whether it is advisable to recommend that local timber supplies be kept for local needs rather than as now appears to be the case, such timber being cut for the benefit of distant communities to the dertiment of local interests.

In view of the fact that the conservation policies of the federal government will be one of the main topics of discussion at the annual convention of the American Mining Congress at Los Angeles, this appears to be a proper time to discuss the matters referred to, so that the Colorado members and delegates who may attend the annual convention may carry with them the concensus of opinion of Colorado mining men.

The attendance of every member of the Chapter, or of any other member of the Congress who may be in Colorado, is urgently requested.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Below we reprint notice of annual meeting of members of the American Mining Congress, which is contained in the Official Call, recently mailed out to all members:

A meeting of the members of the American Mining Congress is hereby called to meet at Los Angeles, California, on Thursday, September 29, 1910, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing three directors to hold office for three years each to succeed E. R. Buckley, John Dern and George W. E. Dorsey, whose terms of office as directors expire, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before said meeting.

Order of the Executive Committee.

E. R. BUCKLEY, President.

J. F. CALLBREATH, JR., Secretary.

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1910.

ORGANIZATION OF A COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

In line with the general policy of the American Mining Congress to organize the mining industry in detail by forming branch organizations in all mining communities which afford a membership of fifty or more, such local organizations to be self-governing and independent with reference to all local matters but a part of the national organization in all matters affecting the industry at large, the mining men of Colorado in July effected the organization of a local Chapter of the Mining Congress, which will be devoted to the propagation of the mining interests of this state.

While the mining men of Colorado have heretofore had state organizations at different times, each one seems to have been born to some particular purpose, after fulfillment of which it became inactive.

The organization just formed is for the wide purpose of stimulating mining activity in the state, and of pressing for the adjustment of legislative and administrative problems which at present operate to the disadvantage of the mining man. It is not a boosting organization and will not purposely work up any undue mining excitement, nor will it seek to enlist outside capital in Colorado mining enterprises by the beating of tom-toms, or the flourishing of fire-brands. It is a working organization with simple plans, a definite policy and direct methods of execution. It is officered and directed by the state's most representative mining men, and its whole membership will be of the same type of men.

The organization is the result of a spontaneous and state-wide sentiment that mining conditions in the state were not altogether satisfactory, and that properly organized effort would be capable of affecting an improvement in the same. A call was accordingly issued for a meeting of the Colorado members of the American Mining Congress, by Secretary Callbreath, for July 13, at headquarters, 1510 Court Place, Denver. The official record of this meeting, and of its adjourned session on July 16, follows:

Minutes of Meeting of July 13th.

HELD AT 1510 COURT PLACE, DENVER, COLO.

In response to a call for a meeting of the local members of the American Mining Congress and others interested in the development of the mining industry of the state, a meeting was held at 1510 Court Place, July 13, 1910.

The meeting was called to order by J. F. Callbreath, Jr., and upon motion, which was seconded and carried, Judge E. A. Colburn was made chairman of the meeting and J. F. Callbreath, Jr., secretary.

The secretary stated that a large number of letters had been received endorsing the proposed work of the meeting.

Remarks upon the condition of the mining industry in Colorado were made by Messrs. J. W. Dean, B. Clark Wheeler, Robert S. Billings, E. M. DeLavergne, Abner Graves, L. A. Van Tilborg, Congressman Rucker, E. H. Huber and R. B. Sigafoos.

Upon motion of Judge Dean, duly seconded, it was ordered that the chairman appoint a committee on organization, of which the chairman and secretary of this meeting shall be members, and that an adjournment shall be taken until Saturday evening, July 16th, at which this committee shall report a plan for permanent organization.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Callbreath, duly seconded and adopted:

WHEREAS, The law creating the State Board of Immigration expressly provides for the exploitation of Colorado's mining resources; and,

WHEREAS, It seems important that a reasonable portion of the fund should be utilized:

First, for the collection of material in the various mining counties of the state, which shall give accurate information as to production in the past and as to mining territory still unopened;

Second, that the facts obtained by the careful research outlined above be given to the investors of the country in publications which reach them and in whose utterances they have confidence; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the active mining men of Colorado, respectfully urge upon the State Board of Immigration the immediate need of a systematic publicity campaign for the purpose of directing the attention of investors to Colorado mining opportunities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to put into effect the purposes set forth.

Remarks were made by Commissioner of Mines Dalzell and Mr. Allen L. Burris. Upon motion of Mr. Wheeler the secretary was requested to extend an invitation to Mr. Franklin Guiterman and the members of the Denver Chamber of Commerce Committee on Mines and Mining to be present at the adjourned meeting.

The chairman announced the following committee on permanent organization:

E. A. Colburn,
J. W. Dean,
E. M. DeLavergne,
W. J. Cox,
A. W. Warwick,
A. L. Burris,
Robt. L. Martin,
David W. Brunton,
John R. Wood,
T. J. Dalzell,
L. A. Van Tilborg,
A. G. Brownlee,
J. F. Callbreath, Jr.

The following committee was appointed on co-operation with the State Immigration Bureau for the better advertising of Colorado's mineral resources:

Robert L. Martin,
John R. Wood,
Allen L. Burris.

Upon motion the meeting duly adjourned to meet Saturday evening, July 16th.

(SIGNED) J. F. CALLBREATH, JR., *Secretary.*

Second Meeting July 16th.

An adjourned meeting of Colorado mining men was held in the Convention Hall of the Albany Hotel on Saturday evening, July 16, 1910, at eight o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman E. A. Colburn. Minutes of the meeting of July 13th were read and approved.

The report of the committee on organization was presented by the secretary of the committee, Mr. A. W. Warwick, as follows:

Report of the Mining Men's Committee appointed for the purpose of organizing the mining industry of Colorado at a meeting called by the American Mining Congress, July 13, 1910:

To the Mining Men of Colorado in Meeting Assembled—The members of your committee, appointed at a general meeting at Denver, called by the American Mining Congress on July 13th, acknowledge the honor

bestowed upon them, and report that after giving careful consideration to all the remarks of the speakers of the meeting, and giving due consideration to the volume of correspondence which has been received from all parts of the state, that there appears to be an almost universal demand for the formation of a Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress. Your committee therefore presents and incorporates as a part of this report a preamble setting forth the objects of the association and a set of by-laws under which it can commence to do business.

Your committee in presenting these by-laws wishes to say that they have been made as simple as possible in order that after the organization is completed the mining men of the state may have the opportunity of giving fuller voice as to the laws under which the Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress should continue to exist and do its work.

Your committee believes that in addition to the preamble to the constitution of the proposed Chapter that it is advisable to indicate what, in its judgment, is the main and immediate work to be done by an association of Colorado mining men. Before doing so, however, it is premised that the suggestions herein made do not comprise all the work that must be done, but simply the work which should be immediately taken in hand.

First—The Colorado mining men should sustain the officers of the American Mining Congress in their efforts to see that an adequate Bureau of Mines be completely organized and continuously sustained, and to see that the mining interests of Colorado receive the proper federal encouragement and protection that is its due.

Second—It is the obvious duty of the Colorado mining men to see that all the state organizations that bear upon mining should fulfill their functions in the best interests of the industry and to sustain as far as possible the efforts of the officers of the state institutions to improve the services that they are rendering the state. We particularly mention the office of the Commissioner of Mines, the School of Mines, the State Geologist and the Commission of Immigration.

Third—That certain bills be carefully considered for presentation to the State Legislature, and that other needed bills be prepared and organized efforts be made to secure their passage.

Fourth—In view of the apparently settled national policy of forest reservation and mineral conservation, it is of importance that the Colorado mining men should seriously consider the new conditions under which they are working, and to secure, if possible, such governmental regulations as will best serve the interests of the state at large and of the mining industry in particular.

Fifth—That the collection of such commercial statistics as do not come within the purview of the state and federal officers be one of the principal objects of the association. It is needless to say that in this connection it is necessary to have the widest publicity and, therefore, the more active co-operation of the state press should be most cordially invited.

Sixth—The relationship of the mining industry to the public service corporations should be a matter of deep concern. It should be the object of the association to endeavor to harmonize the relationships between all branches of the industry, to the end that all interests be properly served and protected.

In regard to the question of the protection of investors in mining enterprises, it is the belief of your committee that this matter be attacked very conservatively and yet efficiently, but in such a manner that no aspersions be cast upon worthy enterprises. This is a matter that should be approached cautiously, yet with perfect candor. The problem is an exceedingly difficult one, and we feel that in attacking the operations of the dishonest promoter every care should be taken so that the interests of those who are honestly and in good faith endeavoring to raise capital for mining enterprises be not jeopardized.

In presenting this report your committee in no way wishes to bind the actions of the proposed organization, but simply to indicate to the miners of Colorado what in their judgment, after careful consideration, appears to be the more pressing needs of the mining industry within the borders of the state.

Finally, we wish to say that it is the opinion of your committee that the mining industry in Colorado is by no means in a moribund condition. In the San Juan, in Leadville, in Cripple Creek and in the northern mineral fields there is a great deal of activity, and the mineral production of the state on the whole is, at this time, fairly satisfactory. However, we recognize that the industry is not making the progress that the undoubted mineral resources of the state warrant.

Your committee recommends that a temporary board of fifteen directors shall be selected to serve until the annual meeting, and that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to place in nomination candidates to be voted for as temporary directors.

(SIGNED) E. A. COLBURN, *Chairman.*

A. W. WARWICK, *Secretary.*

It was moved by Col. A. G. Brownlee that the report of the committee be adopted.

Mr. B. Clark Wheeler moved as a substitute for the motion of Colonel Brownlee that the report of the committee be referred to a committee made up of representatives of each mining county represented in this meeting, and that the representatives of each county shall select their member of such committee.

Remarks were made by Messrs. B. Clark Wheeler, A. G. Brownlee, Abner Graves, John R. Wood, J. F. Callbreath, J. W. Dean, R. B. Sigafoos, Dr. J. H. East and A. W. Rucker.

Mr. Wheeler, with the consent of his second and at the suggestion of Judge Rucker, withdrew the motion previously made by him, but moved as an amendment to the pending motion that the report of the committee be taken up and acted upon section by

section. The motion being put to vote was lost. The original motion that the report of the committee be adopted was then put to vote and declared carried by unanimous vote. At Mr. Wheeler's request his vote upon said motion was recorded in the negative.

At the suggestion of Mr. John R. Wood, the Chair called for a response from the Denver Chamber of Commerce Committee on Mines and Mining, to which a special invitation had been extended to be present at this meeting, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the previous meeting. No response was made to this invitation.

The Chair announced the following committee on nominations:

Dr. V. C. Alderson, E. W. Williams.
A. M. Donaldson,

This committee was requested to meet at once at the earliest time possible to report a list of nominations to be voted for directors until the first annual meeting of this Chapter.

A letter from Mr. F. D. Taylor was read to the convention and the ideas advanced therein received warm approval.

Upon motion of Colonel Brownlee, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution Introduced by Mr. A. G. Brownlee.

WHEREAS, Largely through the efforts of the forces organized by the American Mining Congress a bill creating a Bureau of Mines in the Department of the Interior was passed by the last Congress and approved by President Taft on May 16, 1910; and,

WHEREAS, The bill provides for the transfer of the work heretofore conducted by the technologic branch of the United States Geological Survey, the successful work of which under the direction of Dr. Joseph A. Holmes made possible the creation of the new bureau; and,

WHEREAS, The interests which united in seeking the creation of this bureau have almost, if not quite unanimously, urged the selection of Dr. Holmes as the director of this new bureau; and,

WHEREAS, The success of the bureau is being jeopardized by a temporary appointment, and the appointment of Dr. Holmes is being prevented by forces which have always opposed the creation of a bureau upon the ground that it could serve no useful purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the success of the bureau for which western mining interests have been fighting for fourteen years requires that the bureau shall be put in charge of a man who understands the need of the mining industry, and who believes that the bureau can perform important public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the mining men of Colorado, in convention assembled, do most respectfully and urgently petition the President of the United States that he shall forthwith appoint as director of the Bureau of Mines Dr. Joseph A. Holmes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President, William H. Taft, and Hon. R. A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior.

Dr. Alderson, chairman of the committee on nominations, presented the following report:

Your committee, appointed to place in nomination names to be voted for as directors of the Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress, do respectfully recommend that the following named men shall be elected as temporary directors of the Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress:

E. A. Colburn,
W. J. Cox,
E. M. DeLavergne,
A. W. Warwick,
Allen L. Burris,
R. L. Martin,
John R. Wood,
D. W. Brunton,
T. J. Dalzell,
A. G. Brownlee,
J. F. Callbreath, Jr.,
Max Boehmer,
Phillip Argall,
J. W. Dean,
A. V. Bohn.

(SIGNED) VICTOR C. ALDERSON,
E. W. WILLIAMS,
A. M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

This report having been presented, Chairman Alderson of the committee moved its adoption, and the motion, being seconded, was put to vote and declared adopted.

Further remarks were made by Judge Dean, Professor Stanton and others, after which the meeting was declared adjourned.

FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress was held at the Albany Hotel immediately after adjournment of the general meeting for the purpose of organization. There were present:

E. M. DeLavergne,	A. G. Brownlee,
J. W. Dean,	Max Boehmer,
John Dalzell,	A. W. Warwick,
A. L. Burris,	J. F. Callbreath, Jr.

J. F. Callbreath was elected as temporary chairman and A. W. Warwick as secretary.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the following officers were unanimously elected:

D. W. Brunton, *President.*
A. G. Brownlee, *First Vice President.*
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J. W. Dean, *Third Vice President.*
E. A. Colburn, *Treasurer.*
A. W. Warwick, *Secretary.*

Executive Committee.—J. F. Callbreath, Jr., A. L. Burris, Max Boehmer.

Membership Committee.—John R. Wood, T. J. Dalzell, Phillip Argall.

Finance Committee.—R. L. Martin, A. V. Bohn, W. J. Cox.

The resignation of A. W. Warwick as a member of the Board of Directors was presented to the board, and upon motion duly seconded was accepted. Mr. Bulkeley Wells was placed in nomination to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Mr. Warwick, and upon motion duly seconded was declared elected to fill said vacancy.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

J. F. Callbreath, Jr., *Chairman.*

A. W. Warwick, *Secretary.*

COLORADO CHAPTER BEGINS ACTIVE WORK

Following is a copy of a circular, known as Bulletin No. 1, sent by the Directors of the newly organized Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress to the mining men of the state:

August 1, 1910.

To the Mining Men of Colorado:

The Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress comes before the managers, operators and mine owners of this state with a working policy and plan of operation which, it is hoped, will receive the undivided support of all those who have at heart the mining interests of the Centennial State. While this is a chapter of the American Mining Congress, it is essentially a thoroughly representative state mining association. In these days of combination and organization no excuse need be offered for the organization of the mining men of this state. It is the one great industry which has hitherto been unorganized. It is unnecessary to state the benefits to be derived from the close association among mining men.

The plan of organization of the Colorado Chapter is simple but direct. It looks to the formation of a branch organization in every mining section of the state. These branches shall be practically complete in themselves, so that each section may push to the uttermost its own local interests. These sections combine, however, when any important matters come up which need united action upon the solution of state problems. The state association aims to be thoroughly representative of the best mining talent of the state and will act in furtherance of the interests of the state as a whole, leaving, as far as possible, local matters to be settled by the sections. Of course, it is unnecessary to say that the association will always be ready to act in a judicious manner when called upon by the sections.

The state chapter will represent the State of Colorado when invoking federal aid or when joining with her sister Western mining states and when acting in the interests of the mining industry at large. In such work the state association will turn to the national organization. The Colorado mining men need the aid of the national

mining organization as much as the latter needs the Colorado mining men. The new federal policies are bringing forward problems, the solution of which is insistent and immediate. The recent vast withdrawals of public domain from mineral entry, the great forest reserves which cover all the potential mining area of the state, and the attempt to withdraw the water power sites from local and state control are introducing new considerations which must be handled carefully if the mining industry is to be kept healthy and in a progressive condition. In all these matters Colorado should utter its views in no indistinct manner. They are problems which must be solved, and solved immediately. The Mining Congress has already a number of state organizations with which the Colorado mining men can co-operate, and hence the advantage of the state organization co-operating with the American Mining Congress is obvious and needs no further remarks in this place.

The first great work will be to assist the local sections to organize branches of the state association.

After the formation of local sections, the next great work of the Colorado Chapter will be to take up the compilation of accurate information regarding every mining section and, if possible, every mine in the state. It is needless to say that this is a vast work which will require the co-operation of all the mining operators of the state. It is absolutely essential that such information be reliable and authoritative. The Colorado Chapter should have ample office room and have in its files the past history and the present condition of every working mine in the state. Secondarily to this, it should have the records and the present position of every man occupying an official position in the mines, mills and smelters of Colorado.

A library in which would be found every map, geological report, engineer's reports, etc., bearing on the mineral resources of Colorado would be an addition to the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph.

The state has three important organizations that bear upon mining. We refer to the Bureau of Mines, the State School of Mines and the Geological Survey. We do not believe that these organizations have been supported to the extent that the importance of the industry to the state fully warrants. Moreover, the co-ordination of the efforts of these associations is a matter that requires careful consideration. In such work as this, however, it should be clearly understood that the entity of these state organizations be respected, and yet there should be harmony in their workings so that there shall be no unnecessary duplication.

There is a general demand that there should be some authori-

tative source of information regarding all phases of mining, milling and metallurgy in the State of Colorado. It should be one of the objects of the state chapter to meet this demand. Publicity work of the Colorado Chapter should be conducted aggressively, yet in such a manner as to inspire confidence and to be worthy of it by reason of the entire reliability of the information given out. Extravagant statements on mining subjects are always to be deplored, and the Colorado Chapter will endeavor to furnish the bona fide investors with such information as may assist them in reaching sound conclusions. This work will have to be done with great judgment and care in order to maintain the reputation the Colorado mining men have earned for reliability and conservativeness.

In spite of a total production of over one thousand million dollars, the mineral resources of the state have not yet been fully developed. Above all things, the state needs more prospecting and more capital. To get capital it is only necessary for capitalists to learn that mining, properly conducted, is a legitimate and safe business proposition. Prospectors, however, need active assistance in order that they may carry on their work in mineral regions. Under present conditions in Colorado the entire mineral area is practically covered by reservations of one sort or another. It is a general impression that these prospectors are being greatly hampered in their work. One of the prime objects of the Colorado Chapter will be to see that these prospectors are protected in their rights and that they should not be left to the mercy of petty local officers of the forest and other reserves who may be inclined to hamper the prospector in his work. The general idea of conservation is not attackable, but the rules and regulations in detail are detrimental to the mining industry and should be modified.

Certain mining legislation is imperatively needed in Colorado. Reference is particularly made to the difficulty of punishing the crimes of high grading and the robbery of isolated shaft houses, etc. The Colorado Chapter proposes to have bills drafted and to see that these are presented in as favorable a manner as possible for the consideration of the state legislature. The question of district mine drainage is also another matter that needs to be taken up. In connection with the legislation it is important that ill-advised bills be considered by mining men of the state before they are finally enacted into law. In this way the mining industry in particular and the interests of the state at large will be properly protected.

In conclusion, the officers of the Colorado Chapter will make efforts to secure such a membership as will result in the formation of a Colorado Chamber of Mines which will be a credit to the state

and of which the mining men and engineers will be proud to be members. Your active support and good will is desired.

By order of the Executive Committee.

A. W. WARWICK,
Secretary of the Colorado Chapter.

THE LEASING OF POWER SITES

We print below for the information of members of the American Mining Congress, Section 1 in full, and abstracts from the remaining sections of Senate Bill No. 5486, introduced by Senator Nelson, concerning the withdrawal of power sites and the leasing of water powers.

Senator Nelson is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Lands, and this bill, with other Conservation Bills which are accepted as voicing the policy of the administration with regard to the control and development of our natural resources, will be one of the subjects for discussion at the Los Angeles meeting:—

Senate Bill 5486.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be examined any public lands, national forests, national monuments, national parks, game reserves or other reservations valuable, or which may become valuable, for the development of water powers, or power for hydro-electric use or transmission, and classify and reserve by legal subdivision, or by metes and bounds, from other use or disposition, all lands he may deem of more value for power development than for other uses. Whenever areas so reserved include lands covered by valid existing locations, selections, or entries, the locators, selectors, entrymen, or their assigns, upon relinquishment of the lands so reserved to the United States, shall be paid the value of the lands and improvements so relinquished at the time of such relinquishment as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; PROVIDED, That in the event any such locator, selector, entryman, or assignee having a vested right in such reserved lands fails or refuses upon request of the Secretary of the Interior to relinquish the lands or improvements

claimed by him, such lands, or improvements, or both, may be acquired by said Secretary under condemnation proceedings."

Section 2 provides that the applicant must furnish plans, specifications, etc., and calls for a deposit of $1,000. All rights of way over private land, secured by the applicant, shall be conveyed to the United States. The life of the leases granted is 40 years. The lessee will be allowed five years to develop or transmit at least twenty-five per cent of the power available.

Section 3. Each lessee shall pay for the leasehold privileges "such rates per electric horsepower developed ——— as may be specified in the lease, which rate may be graduated according to the amount of power developed and also may be increased every ten year period during the term of the lease."

Section 4 provides for the maximum rates for power which may be charged to the public. Also provides for the forfeiture of lease.

Section 5 calls for detail reports to be made to the government "in such manner and at such times as the Secretary of the Interior may require."

Section 6 calls for appraisement of the property within five years of the expiration of lease and a new lease for a period of forty years shall be offered to the original lessee which, if declined, shall be sold at public auction at an upset price. The original lessee shall thereupon be entitled to be compensated to the extent of the sum received for the improvements only. Same section provides that no transfer, sale or assignment of the lease shall be made without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Section 7 provides for railways and other rights-of-way.

"Section 8. That the proceeds derived from entry fees and leases under the provisions of this Act shall be distributed as follows, to wit: One-third shall be paid to the State or Territory, to be expended under the direction of the legislature thereof, for roads and schools in the counties where the leaseholds are situated, and the residue shall be covered into general fund of the Treasury of the United States."

"Section 9. That jurisdiction to determine the issues and matters which are by this Act committed to the courts is hereby conferred upon the United States circuit and district courts for the districts in which the lands or leaseholds are situated."

"Section 10. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform or cause to be performed any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary and proper for carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect."